

the Board of Regents, I think at least some intent language from this body is appropriate and good and I urge your adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Our next speaker will be Senator Kilgarin followed by a long list.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Vickers philosophically that the Legislature should and can give intent language in appropriation bills to the Board of Regents but apparently a majority of this body does not feel that way or they don't want to have any control or have anything to say about how the Board of Regents spends that money. By the adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment we are giving them a lump sum appropriation and if you read the DeCamp amendment we are also citing the 1977 Supreme Court decision and we are saying that we recognize that we have no control. Well I disagree with that, I disagree with that. We do have some control, not as much as we would have if we would have adopted LR 5 but we do have some control over those general funds and we can consider the cash funds. But this Legislature, the majority of this Legislature just got through saying they don't want to do that. They don't want to take the responsibility. They want to give the Board of Regents a lump sum appropriation and let them spend it the way they see fit. Make up your minds. You can't have it both ways. Either we are going to be responsible, we're going to make decisions, we're going to tell the Board of Regents, the University, what our intent is, where we would like to see some of that money spent or we are not going to be involved. We are not going to give intent language. We are not going to care about where that hundred and now forty-seven million dollars is spent. We can't have it both ways and they can't have it both ways. Let's make a decision one way or the other. The majority of this body voted to give the Board of Regents a lump sum appropriation. I totally disagree with that. I think it was the wrong thing to do and now we are going to turn around and give intent language after recognizing the Supreme Court decision, recognizing that supposedly we don't have any control, any say so over how we spend that money. Make a decision. You can't have it both ways. For that reason and that reason alone, I will have to oppose Senator Vickers motion to give intent language for this million dollars. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Would Senator Vickers yield to a question?